RAMBLES TO WEBSTER COUNTY

ROUTE FROM THE WARM SPRINGS TO BIG SPRING - FISHING IN THE BIG-SPRING PORK OF ELK-SECOND DAY'S SPORT-THE KINDNESS AND HOSPITALITY OF THE seems to be a sort of lubricator to make the PEOPLE OF WERSTER-HARD RUN FOR A meal pass with facility down the throat. DRINK WHILE WET AND CHILLED-A TEMPERATE PEOPLE.

Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch,] MILLBORG SPRINGS, BATH COUNTY, July 23, 1876.

from the Warm Springs as I said with Colonel Lochridge, three Huntersville, turned that town love it. after dinner, and taking reached the residence of Dr. Clover creek-a distance of, I miles-by night. Clover tributary of the Greenbrier. crossed near the Doctor's wint of considerable interest Colonel scenery. farm embraces a broad and on Knapp's creek, waving grass and corn. The ridges not so rich as are those in the journey of the afterd a succession of fertile farms ests. For miles our journey forest so dense that the sun the earth through the foreembrier, where we crossed it, in its narrow borders, but long Clover creek the lands and richer until reaching we found that his estate productive. A large country was located Warwick, of Bath, Dr. seemdants still own it. Warwick, and obtains estimable wife the fine estate of

TADWATERS OF THE ELK.

chine that the angler generally repudiates. | district. SERING OUT FISH. I wateried him with interest. He showed

several large trout and one water with a violence and force that nearly when they struck the bank beam sure the form of the fish imprinted in the earth. They never kicked after being landed. This ound up the use of this rude implement It is no wonder it is dreaded by e fish, and that they retire before it. on is almost exclusively limestone

and the waters frequently sink for by subterranean passages. oring branch of Elk sinks a mile w the spring and rises again two off, and to this point we re-We returned to our after a delightful draught at Big ing and rested profoundly upon a suptrout, together with coffee, onions, led potatoes, and butter. And I must e pay a tribute to the potatoes of this They are incomparably mealy and

he next day we repaired, as I said above, ther down the Elk and had very good some tine trout, and yet the of the tish non-biting. Neither er nor the fly could tempt o free biting. The craw-fish was the at 4 o'clock P. M. with an ample trout for the whole family. The the trout of the Elk is magnificent. tine pool, where basked a number of did trout, finding that they were not vein, I said to them that I was deterd to share the pleasure of their magbath, and in I leaped. Few know rp, penetrating coldness of the waters re the trout finds its purest ut extorted by the shock of the ter was ingeniously switched into a oy, and my companions, I am the pleasure I seemed to It was a delusion. I was excrutiated. in a moment I felt the joys of Elysium. most glorious bath I ever had. Ob, joit me in Elk and let me dwell with the trent-for a little while.

that to Conger's Mill it | fendants. the road, but I took a urns the end of Valley Moun-Mountain, through a lovely land- stricken out or curtailed. met a passenger on foot, who told I determined to brave wards of forty years. But judge my trials, and tribulaput up about twenty-seven bars and path was often so indistinct as to leave and recrossed the dry bed of the dry branch, which exhibited fearful signs of the violent | dollar. on of water, and was piled up with huge valer-worn boulders that seemed to have been the ponderous missiles of monsters of ages who fought in this valley. Here were rocky paths, there sharp pinches of and anon a dense forest where the sun never reached the earth, and where the inattinerable roots crossed the path at every possible angle, amidst which and the mud copious rains, my horse flounderd. Such a route produced that wear and ear, that weariness, that longing for the id, and that apparent lengthening of the urney, which the traveller alone under-

DAN OF INTREPID RIDERS.

it I determined that it should be my last flags will soon be flung to the breeze. urney along that Jordan of the most intred riders.

upurb for grazing; and from my expe- they play.

I emerged from darkness and strife, with lish an important precedent. impediments, into a bright opening and in front of a quiet cottage, into which I was hospitably received from the rain, and recruited by a dinner of stewed potatoes, boiled snaps and middling, and onions, butter and milk-the latter rich and creamy. In this frugal land these are the leading articles of diet. Of meat they eat but little. A bit of middling-three inches square-is BOUGH JOURNEY TO WEBSTER-THE boiled with the snaps, and divided in ho-RAINS-COMFORTS OF A LEAKY HOUSE- mepathic parts amongst those at table. It

COUNTRY HOSPITALITY. But everywhere is kindness and a hospitable welcome. Nor did I object to the fare. I enjoyed it greatly, and became exceedingly fond of the coffee sweetened with maple sugar, which was at every dinnertable. The mountaineer can stand any prianian the honorable the clerk of vation better than that of being deprived of Bath County and Circuit Courts) and I took his coffee. And when we remember that whiskey or strong drink is nowhere to be the early hour of 5 A. M., had, coffee is most "timeous" after a hard journey. No wonder, then, that I should

Here I pause. The rest of my story will be told Monday. RAMBLER.

PETERSBURG.

THE CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION AND THE NOMINEE-INTERESTING SCENE DURING THE SESSION-THE DISTRICT TO BE REDEEMED-REUBEN RAGLAND AND LANCASTER, BROWN & CO.-THE RAILROAD STOCK TO BE SOLD-THE SUIT AGAINST THE BATTERSEA COM-PANY-THE APPOMATTOX RIVER IMPROVES MENT-FUNERAL OF A PHYSICIAN. [Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

JULY 28, 1876. The nomination of Captain William E Hinton for Congress by the Convention which assembled in this city last night will meet with a hearty response throughout the district. General Mahone's declination beforehand left the field clear, and the nomination was tendered Captain Hinton unanimously and amidst the greatest enthusiasm. The people in the country wanted him, and looked to him alone as the man to redeem the district from Radical control and misrepresentation. Such was the voice of the delegations from all the counties; and it was a most cheering sign that all the speakers pledged for him the full Conservative vote the morning we made our way of their counties, and more besides. When y rich valley, a great part of Captain Hinton was informed of his nomis to the Warwick estate. Pass- nation, and was brought into the Conven-Warwick residence and leav- tion by the committee sent after him, he was we crossed the Elk mountain received with unbounded enthusiasm. the "Big Spring," the name of When, after returning thanks for the honor ed property, and gladly went to conferred and the confidence expressed, he farm of Messrs. Cleek and Sit- declined to accept the nomination, there was brother of my travelling compan- absolute surprise and regret depicted on the A LONG DRY SPELL-TILDEN AND HENDRICKS to the commerce of the country. The con-

faces of all present-delegate and spectators between fifty and sixty alike. Then arose one after another of the Warm Springs, upon the delegates to appeal to him to reconsider his After dinner we decision, and to urge him for the sake of the Big Spring fork of Elk, and people of the district who had so long had hardly any luck, grouned under Radical mismanagement and low stage and so clear the misrule, and for the sake of the harmony would not bite, although and discipline of the party, which would be , gay fellows revelling in the seriously threatened by his refusal to beaught a few only with the come a candidate. These appeals were Cleek rigged up what is manly, urgent, and some of them impasc., a twisted horse-hair sioned, and, coming from men from all feet long, with a noose at one | quarters of the district, could not be disreher attached to a pole, which | garded. Captain Hinton yielded, and placing tisher. Irritated at his bad himself in the hands of his friends and the ak sought to capture the Convention, accepted the nomination and auties with his "duil"-a ma- promised to lead the party to victory in this

Everybody is now confident of success and of the complete rout of the enemy in the Fourth district. The nomination of his advoltness in handling his instrument, Hinton means work, and it will be work for what it professes to be, not like the New his election from this day until the close of

Colonel William Townes, Jr., editor of the Roanoke Valley, will be a candidate before the Nominating Convention for senator from the district composed of the counties of Charlotte and Mecklenburg, to succeed From the foreible manner in which the Colonel spoke in the Convention last night it is judged that he will make a good stump orator.

At the recent meeting of the directors of the Index-Appeal Publishing Company Mr. R. P. Barham was reelected manager and and killed by lightning. The lightning also Messrs, E. S. Gregory and J. M. Pleasants

In the Hustings Court this morning the case of the City of Petersburg against Reuben Ragland, Lancaster, Brown & Co., and others, was called. Though the counsel for the defendants had been duly notified, no appearance was put in. Thereupon a jury was empanelled, the due execution of the note of the defendants for \$249,000 was proven, various credits admitted, and the ury rendered a verdict to the following effeet: We the jury find for the defendants, S. A. Plummer, T. T. Broocks, and W. R. Mallory, in their plea of bankruptey; and we further find for the plaintiffs against the defendants, R. A. Lancaster, J. Wilcox dar bait with them, and we went Brown, James O. Proudfit, and J. Campbell Maben, partners trading under the style and learn, in the same neighborhood, was struck firm of Lancaster, Brown & Co., and Reuben Ragland, the debt in the declaration demanded-to wit, the sum \$249,982, with legal interest thereon from February 1, 1872, have had for many years. till paid, subject to credits amounting to

\$28,071.28. The suspending order in this case, granted by the Circuit Court of Richmond, expired on the 24th instant. In pursuance of the decree of the same court the stock of the Petersburg railroad, held by the city as collateral security for the above note, will

now be sold. The jury in the case of H. B. Carroll vs. The Battersea Manufacturing Company for by an accident in their factory failed to The next day we wound up our sport at motion to remove the case to the county of Ward starts upon his tour around the world, and my companion, turning Prince George, in view of the fact that it in which he is to collect for our University head eastward. I set out for had twice been tried here without a verdict. the grandest and most complete museum of sier county, further down on Elk, at The motion was opposed by the defence, where the river having and overruled by the Court on the ground inh for five miles, again bursts out, and that the case had not been pending twelve re are most charming pools, with months. It is understood the jury stood them in the most festive eight for the plaintiff and four for the de-

Judge R. H. Jones and H. D. Bird, Esq., and found it fully seventeen, ac- left for Washington to look after the conmy computation under the bias gressional appropriation for the improvend penalties, such as pulling down ment of our river. In the bill originally up bars, and opening gates, &c. reported to Congress there was an appropriation of \$30,000 for the Appomattox my road was over that mountain river, but as no mention has recently been As I descended made of it, it is feared the amount has been

The funeral of Dr. Peter Epes, a distinsix miles by taking the guished physician and prominent citizen of outh down the dry fork of Elk, which | Prince George county, took place yesterday ong a valley at the foot of the moun- from St. John's Episcopal church at City The saying of distance was a point Point, of which he was a member. The de-I asked if there ceased was sixty-four years of age, and had He answered that there practiced medicine in the county for up-

The veterans of Mahone's Old Brigade in as when I say that I had to take down this city have completed their arrangements for attending the reunion meeting in Norn and shut a dozen gates. Besides these folk on Monday next. They will leave here on a special train at an early hour and reas it were, to feel my way. I crossed turn the same night. The round-trip tickets have been put at the low figure of one ROBIN ADAIR.

CULPEPER COUNTY.

ORED ELECTION RIOTERS—CONDITION OF return home to consult his physician. Seri-ZEAL FOR TILDEN-RADICALS BRAG GAME-COL-COLONEL J. F. STROTHER-RICHMOND BEAU-TIES-SIX WEEKS WITHOUT RAIN-SUMAC TRADE-NEW FOUNDRY-A BIG BUG. -[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

JULY 25, 1876. The great "ratification meeting" held 8,300 people. here on the 17th instant has had a most wonderful effect. The party, lately so lukewarm and indifferent, is now all alive with enthubring out such a vote as was never before polled. In several parts of the county Til-But I did get out of the dry fork of Elk, den clubs have been organized, and Tilden

The Republicans, through their mouthpiece the Times, are boastful and indepen-I must say that the dry fork is rich and dent, but 'tis clearly only a game of "brag"

Time I am able to speak of it as one who In the County Court yesterday the cases mountain springs; all of which sink the earth and rise no more until they reach Conger's mill, whither I was going.

About 12 o'clock it came on to rain, and such raining I have hardly ever seen. It thows it. It abounds in the most admira- against, the colored election rioters were

seemed that, as it was with the man sought by citement in the town. Every advocate at THE LATEST NEWS. the lightning, I was the object of the shower, the bar has been engaged on one or the other and that upon me it was concentrated. I side. The final result is looked to with trudged on weary and drenched, and finally much anxiety by the people, and will estab-

> been lately here on a visit to his brother, Colonel J. French Strother. The latter's health is still very bad, though hopes are entertained by friends and physician that he will soon be at his post of duty.

Our town just now presents quite a gay and attractive appearance. We have a number of Richmond beauties with us who have completely turned the heads of our country laddies, and caused many a lassic's TWO VIEWS OF THEM heart to ache with jealous envy.

The long-continued drought is fearful. For six weeks we have had no rain. The corn is curled and vellow, and the pastures so burnt up that many turn stock into the thickets of young woods for subsistence.

The sumae trade is brisk. For this there is always a large demand at a good price, and the business affords a living to many a poor family that would otherwise suffer. Our new foundry may now be called a success, and is in full operation. There is a rumor that the Piedmont Fertilizer Com-

also that one of Lynchburg's largest tobacco operators is to have a branch factory here. We have a "centennial spider" that Manchester's "big bug." Crowds went down to Armstrong's mill to see the sight-a full-grown mouse in the clutches of our spider, which he managed with the greatest ease, and when we saw it was busily engaged stinging it to death, preparatory to eating it. There's a spider for you! "RAD."

BUCKINGHAM COUNTY.

DESPONDENT LETTER-WRITER-HIS VIEWS ABOUT THE CROPS AND CONDITION OF THE COUNTRY-NO SIGN OF CHEER FOR HIM. [Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch]

NEW STORE, July 22, 1876.

I never saw a more gloomy prospect for a crop of tobacco than just now. It is much worse than in 1874. In fact, it is a gloomy prospect for all kinds of crops. Corn is very sorry, and all the rains that may come now cannot bring it out. It was well worked, but we have had no rain for about six weeks. Oats were a failure, except winter oats, and but few of those were sown. The gardens are all dry. There are no vegetables-not even Irish potatoes.

.The mills are all stopped except one or two, and they are overrun, having more grinding than they can do night and day. The prospect is very gloomy for another The pastures are all dry both of water and grass, and the cattle come up from fairly it seemed to him that the time had arthe pastures and devour wheat-straw like in rived when the Senate should adhere to its dead of winter. Consequently milk and butter are scarce articles.

SURRY COUNTY.

TICKET-RICHMOND VISITORS-NEWSPAPERS. [Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.] BACON'S CASTLE, July 24, 1876.

We have had quite a dry spell, but not long enough to damage the crops to any extent. The peanut crop bids fair to be very good; also the corn crop. The farmers are quite confident that peanuts will bring a better price this year than last.

The Tilder-and-Hendricks ticket everybody is much pleased with. A large number of the colored voters will probably vote with their former owners in November. Among the visitors in this neighborhood

from your city are Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Jones, Miss Annie Powers, Messrs. William Ellyson, John Chamblin, of Joseph Hall & Co., and Preston Belvin. All seem to be enjoying themselves.

Your paper is considered one of the leading journals of the country, being exactly York Herald, which, if I am not mistaken. professes to be neutral, but is really just as good a Radical paper as the most extreme PAUL. Radical can desire.

TERRIFIC STORM IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF West Point .- A very severe thunder-storm passed over this section last Thursday evening, doing much damage to both life and property.

Mr. Robert Trimmer, who had taken refuge in a shelter at Mr. P. C. Edward's, killed two hogs belonging to Dr. J. T. Edwards, and struck the dwelling of Mr. Joseph L. Edwards, tearing down a mantlepiece, scattering laths and plastering, breaking crockery, safes, &c. All this occurred in the same neighborhood. William Miles, an Indian living in Indian Town, had a horse killed, and Mr. John B. Davis, at Lester Manor, had a valuable horse seriously injured.

Considerable damage was also done in New Kent. The lightning struck the store at Cumberland and stunned a colored man sentative from the second district of Virnamed Lewis Hickman. R. O. Atkinson | ginia. had a mule killed in his stable, near Slatersville. Mrs. Eggleston, near Slatersville, was struck by lightning, but not killed. She is getting better. Another lady, we a short time ago and seriously injured. The storm continued some time, and was the most terrific and destructive that we

The crops were in need of rain, but, considering the damage done in both city and country, we doubt if the good done by the rain was commensurate with the destruction effected by the storm .- West Point

THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM .- The work on ced. It will cost \$35,000, and will be one hundred and ten feet in length and sixty \$10,000 damages for the loss of a leg caused | feet in width, and three stories high. The Jeffersonian says, "Already thirty-five huge agree on a verdiet to-day, after a trial of two boxes of curiosities have arrived and been days. Counsel for the plaintiff submitted a stored away, and in August Professor natural history possessed by any educational institution in America."

ANTHRACITE COAL IN VIRGINIA .- Why Professor Hotchkiss should have left out the Summary the part of Professor Rogers's report that the coal was a true anthracite in the northern part of the State, from Rockbridge to Berkeley, is beyond our comprehension. The impression his work now conveys is that there is no anthracite coal in Virginia, when Professor Rogers, in the very work from which Professor Hotchkiss gathers most of his information, states that there is .- Old Commonwealth.

"RESSURRECTION" REJOICINGS .- Some time ago Chris. Schneider, proprietor of Belvidere Park beer-garden, near the York road, was thrown from a carriage and reported killed. He was not killed, but seriously injured. He has now quite recovered, and last night his restoration from the brink of the grave was celebrated by his friends by vocal and instrumental music, social festivities, and "resurrection" rejoicings at Belyidere Park. The grounds were lighted up with Chinese lanterns .- Baltimore Sun.

Recorder Hackett, of New York, while practicing with a pistol at Salisbury Beach on Wednesday, was so injured by the explosion of a cap that he has been obliged to our injury to one of his eyes is feared. . .

The committee in charge of the arrangements for Mr. Moody's revival-meetings in Chicago this autumn have decided to erect an immense wigwam capable of seating Sailing-Master Rowland, who was arrest-

ed in New York on Tuesday on the charge of perjury in his evidence in regard to the siastic zeal. Tilden and Hendricks will disaster to the yacht Mohawk, has been released.

PLATT DISCOMFITED. Hon. P. W. Strother, of Giles county, has GOODE VICTORIOUS ROBESON'S FRAUDS

PRETTY PAIR

RASCALITY REVEALED

ISABELLA GONE TO pany will soon rebuild their factory, and

> Be Married. Alfonso To GROCERIES CAPTURED.

> SERVIANS WEAKENING

ARMISTICE INEVITABLE.

XLIVTH CONGRESS-First Session. Washington, July 28, 1876.

SENATE. The bill pensioning Custer's widow, father, and mother-amended by striking the father out-was reported favorably and put on the calendar.

The committee of conference on the diplomatic bill reported they were unable to agree, and moved that the Senate further insist on its amendments, and agree to a further conference.

A long debate ensued, the Republicans showing a determination to adhere to their position, in the course of which Mr. Hamlin, of Maine, said that looking at this thing amendments. There had already been three conferences on this bill, and the Senate had carefully considered it. As the bill came from the House, it was one of great injury men who knew nothing about it. They were like angels of destruction, scattering ruin around them. There had been a recklessness in the treatment of our consular affairs which challenged the attention of the Senate. Should this bill time after time go to a conference committee headed by two men who might be donominated Titus Oates and William Bedloe of to-day, he did not see why the Senate should not ad here to its amendments and let this enor mity die the death of the unrighteous, and thus let the House understand what the Senate would do when a bill which would become the dignity of our nation in foreign land could be originated in the House and sent to the Senate. He would not make the motion to adhere now, but if the bill came back from another conference he gave no-

tice he would make it. Mr. Edmonds, of Vermont, agreed with much said by the senator from Maine. A further conference was a

The House amendments to the bill completing the Washington monument were agreed to. The bill goes to the President. The river and harbor bill was taken up, and, on motion of Mr. Christainey, of Michigan, was recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to reduce the aggregate amount appropriated by it to \$5,000,000.

Adjourned to Monday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. The contested-election case of Platt vs. Goode was taken up, the discussion lasting until 2 o'clock, when a vote was taken on the resolution reported by the minority of the committee, that Goode, the sitting member, was entitled to his seat. The vote resulted in the adoption of the resolutionyeas, 105; nays, 99. A second vote, as required by parliamentary law, on agreeing to the majority resolution as amended by the substitution of the minority resolution for. it, was taken and resulted-yeas, 107; nays, 95. So Mr. Goode retains his seat as repre-

Among the Democrats who voted "no' were Messrs. Durand, Ely, Holman, Kehr, New, and Wiltshire. Several other Democrats voted "no" on the first vote.

The House then proceeded to the con-

sideration of the reports of the Committee on Naval Affairs. The summing up of the report of the majority is as follows: "Upon a full review of the facts your committee present to the consideration of the House that in the administration of the naval service during the last seven years the law has been disregarded and violated in the letting of contracts; in the purchase of supplies; in the destruction and sale of property belonging to the naval service; in the failure to cover in the Treasury the proceeds the University Museum has been commen- of sales of property; in the expenditure and disbursement of the appropriations made for the support of the navy; in the application of the sums appropriated for that branch of the public service; in exceeding the appropriations made by Congress for seven fiscal years; in involving the Government for the future payment of money in excess of appropriations made to that Department; in making contracts and purchases, the same not being authorized by law, and no appropriation adequate to their fulfilment being made; in the employment of laborers and mechanics upon other consideration than skill and a necessity for such labor; in the assessment of employes for sums of money to be used for political and partisan purposes; in failing to exact bonds from contractors, and the failure to enforce the penalties of such bonds in cases of default; in the employment of persons to receive and pay money for the use of the naval service on foreign stations; in the illegal disposition of the public funds; in failing to make report to Congress as directed by the law, and in failing to exact fidelity in the execution and administration of the law by subordinates; whereby corruption and a system of corruption has been growing in the administration of the revenues entrusted to the control and direction of the Secretary of the Navy, which from the peculiarity of its character and the cunning of its continuance must hereafter be known as 'Cattellism.' This system of corruption, likely to affect the entire revenues and credit of the Government, should be checked, and in the most vigorous manner rebuked. In vain else would be all our

previous legislation. "Your committee, while they have wellformed opinions of their own on these questions, yet, in view of the vast amount of proof taken and the numerous legal questions involved, have no desire to precipitate the discussion and determination of so grave a question as the impeachment of a high officer of the Government upon the consideration of the House without having full examination of the law and facts which may be involved therein. They therefore submit to the House the following resolu-

tion, and recommend its adoption:
Resolved, That the legal questions, together with all the proof taken by this W. A. Larmon and Cheesehead Smith. committee be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, with power to hear additional William Myers, residing at Hughesville, testimony and argument if they see fit; to Loudoun county, has a cow which was examine and report whether such violations fresh in December and has made, in two of the law as are referred to herein constihundred days, two hundred and ten pounds tute and are impeachable offences under the Constitution, and if so, then The Chinese in the Sandwich Islands number 4,000, and they have introduced leprosy, which threatens to exterminate the Secretary of the Navy. But if they shall report articles of impeachment against George M. Robeson, New York, July 28.—J. L. Roothlew, the Secretary of the Navy. But if they shall were point soldier who shot a hack-driver find that under existing laws such acts and West Point soldier who shot a hack-driver Mr. George W. Smalley, the London cordoings of the said Secretary are not ima few days ago, was brought here this morn-

ic service. W. C. WHITTHORN, chairman. [Signed] B. B. Lewis. R. L. MILLS, B. L. WILLIS, F. JONES,

J. ROBINS. J. WILLIAMS." "I sign this report, as I believe it is in ac cordance with the evidence taken, and subtantially just. So much of it as is of a partisan character I have no sympathy with.

"J. H. BURLETHH." The conclusions of the minority report are as follows: "We concur with the majority of the

affairs are conducted, and graph operator, was badly burned and canour naval earnestly hoped that well-ma- not live. had plans for correcting these ertured rors would have found place in their report. One or two suggestions of change in existing laws are made, but they are neither radical nor exhaustive, and some of them are hinted at or suggested as possible measures, the adoption of which might be wise rather than actually recommended. But the majority propose to avoid responsibility for all measures of reform in law. and call to their aid a mixed commission of persons of experience in naval matters who may have wisdom enough to examine into our system and discover and point out its defects and errors, and perhaps adequate remedies. This is an evasion of the duty imposed upon the committee, and a confes sion of the majority that they are unequal to the task. Upon those subjects which eem to have political importance the maority take the responsibility with alacrity; while upon measures requiring patience and non-partisan inquiry and investigation and comprehensive statesmanship and wisdom for their proper solution they are unwilling an American lady. to assume anv. "We feel that under such circumstances.

having pointed out all errors and abuses, whether arising from the imperfections of our system or otherwise, and devised proper measures for their correction, they should have declared the fact fairly and plainly, as it appears in the proofs, that they have found no grounds for personal accuration. In view of this action on the part of the majority, and of our own settled convictions, after a full examination of all the testimony, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

"Resolved, That in this investigation no committed by Hon. George M. Robeson while in the discharge of his duties of Sec- had six men killed and seven wounded. retary of the Navy, and we find no reason to censure or find fault with his conduct in the administration of the Navy Depart

[Signed.] B. W. HARRIS, CHARLES HAYS, L. DANFORD.

After a speech by Mr. Lewis, of Alabama n support of the majority report, the matter went over without action. Adjourned.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Wilson's Revelations-Grant's Efforts in Behalf of the St. Louis Whiskey

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.] Washington, July 28 .- An immense sensation was created to-day by the testimony of ex-Solicitor Wilson before the whiskeyfrauds committee. The sum and substance of it was that both Bristow, and himself in their endeavors to smash the St. Louis ring, were materially interfered with by the President, Attorney-General Pierrepont, and prominent politicians. Grant always be- Servia by way of Roumania. lieved in Babcock's innocence of the charges gainst him, and worked assiduously in the attempt to defeat the prosecution. Mr. Wilson went into full details of the prosecution of the whiskey ring, and the full report of his testimony will be very apt to cause a sensation throughout the entire country.

Judge Harris in the closing argument in the Platt-Goode case made a sharp speech in favor of the admission of Goode and in opposition to the majority report. His remarks were very effective.

Thompson, of Massachusetts, a Demoerat, spoke in favor of the admission of [Associated Press Telegrams.]

IMPORTANT TESTIMONY OF BLUFORD WILSON. Washington, July 28.-Ex-Solicitor Bluday before the Whiskey-Frauds Committee | Turks invade Servia. The knowledge of His story showed that although the Presi- this fact probably accounts for the hesitation dent said, "Let no guilty man escape," he thought at the time Babcock was innocent; but when he found that Bristow and Wilson were earnest in is prosecution, the President did not sympathize with the prosecuting officers or issist Secretary Bristow and Mr. Wilson in the part they took in reference to this case. Wilson says whatever difference arose with these gentlemen on one part and the President on the other was due partly to a misconception of the motives which actuated the and purposes Secretary and the Solicitor, and the misinformation as to facts, and the wilful and deiberate perversion of facts to the President by scoundrels whom they were endeavoring to bring to punishment, and their friends,

barrassments to the prosecutions, and, if possible, to defeat them.

and to bring about disagreement between

the President and Secretary, to create em-

INDIAN NEWS. Washington, July 28 .- The following was received to-day by General Sherman from General Sheridan:

"Eight Indians who were in the Custer fight have reached Cheyenne agency. They report the main body of the Indians in front of Crook. Terry is moving further South. It is also reported that large numbers are coming back to Cheyenne and other agencies. These Indians left the hostile camp on the 19th. They will be retained as prisoners. They report ten Indians belonging to the Cheyenne agency killed in the Custer fight."

Indian Agent Hastings reports that not more than 400 Sioux, men, women, and children, have left the agency, and that no more will probably leave, as the council of chiefs is for peace.

BRIEF NOTES. The Banking and Currency Committee has adjourned to Monday. The New Orleans Committee has closed the evidence and will consider their report

Monday. The committee investigating Representa tive Pearman, of Florida, will report the evidence without any resolution. S. T. Kimball has been detailed to act as chief clerk of the Treasury Department. The diplomatic conference have been un

able to agree. The following nominations have been made: Cuthbert Jones, of Louisiana, consul to Tripoli; Lietenant Charles Larned, of the Seventh cavalry, as professor of drawing at West Point.

Messrs. Hurd, Frye, Lawrence, Hoar, and McCreary, of the Judiciary Committee, have signed a report in regard to the charge against Congressman Hays, of Alabama, for selling a cadetship, which concludes by say ing that there is no evidence to support the charges affecting his honor or integrity.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

WEST VIRGINIA REPUBLICAN CONVENTION. WHEELING, July 28 .- The Convention adjourned at 1 o'clock this morning, after nominating for presidential electors at large A DENIAL FROM G. W. CURTIS.

NEW YORK, July 28 .- Hon. George Wiland will not be, a candidate for the Guberna liam Curtis emphaticaly declares torial nomination. He indicates his preference for Hon. William M. Evarts as the Republican nominee.

laws sufficiently punitive to protect the pub- | Sill, convicted of passing counterfett money, to three years and six months' impris-onment. Charlotte Thompson, convicted of the same crime, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

THE BENNETT CUP YACHT BACE. SANDY HOOK, N. Y., July 28.—The yachts rounded Brenten reef on the return run for the Bennett cup at 6:30 this A. M. in the following order: Idler, 1; Tidal Wave, 2; Wanderer, 3; Countess of Dufferin, 4; America, 5.

PIRE AND COSS OF LIFE. DETROIT, July 28 .- A fire at Grand Rapids destroyed the upper stories of Bostford block. Loss, \$50,000. Edward Parish was suffocated to death.

BRIEFS. San Francisco, July 28 .- The treasure

shipments to China to-day aggregated \$651,-NEW YORK, July 28.—Cornell University has organized for representation at the in-

ternational regatta. FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE OF KING ALFONSO. LONDON, July 28 .- A dispatch from Paris to the Times reiterates that the object of ex-Queen Isabella's return to Spain is to arrange King Alfonso's marriage to the Inpensier. The ex-Queen leaves Paris to-day Spanish ambassador accompanies the party to St. Jean De Luz.

A PROPOSED MATRIMONIAL ALLIANCE. Paris, July 28 .- It is stated that General de Cissey is about marrying Miss Bellings,

DAHOMEY BLOCKADED. London, July 28 .- The blockade of Dahomey was declared July 1st. Vessels in port are allowed to depart within thirty days.

SANTA CLARA, CUBA, RAIDED UPON BY

INSURGENTS. HAVANA, July 27, via KEY WEST, July 28 On the 21st instant at midnight a party of insurgents numbering about 300, supposed to have been headed by the Chief Inglisito, entered Santa Clara. They penetrated to been proved by many an aged person. It is the the centre of the town, and succeeded in Great Blood Purifier. It is a soothing remedy for sacking two large provision stores and set- our childreen. It has relieved and cured thou fraud, corruption, or wilful violation of the ting fire to them. They were subsequently laws has been shown or appears to have been repulsed by the Spanish troops, leaving relieves and cures all diseases originating from in seven of their number killed. The troops

THE EASTERN WAR.

ANTI-WAR OUTBREAK APPREHENDED-PRINCE MILAN GETTING AT A SAFE DISTANCE-PRETENDER PRONOUNCING.

LONDON, July 28 .- Prince Milan was to have left the fort for Belgrade yesterday. An anti-war outbreak is apprehended in Servia, and Milan's friends wish to place him within safe distance of the Hungarian frontier. Placards of the Pretender Karagrorgenitch declares the deposition of Milan necessary because of his treachery. Karagrorgenitch offers to save the country. MONTENEGRIN CAMPAIGN PRONOUNCED A

LONDON, July 28 .- The Times's Ragusa dispatch says the Montenegrin campaign is regarded a failure, with the loss, however, of only 300 killed. The troops are indignant at the fiasco, which is attributed to incanacity of the commanders. PROPOSED EFFORT AT MEDIATION.

FIASCO.

PARIS, July 28.-Sixty thousand chassepot rifles, sold by Germany, have arrived in Prince Milan will return to Belgrade and endeavor to bring about mediation of the Powers between Servia and the Porte

THE SULTAN DANGEROUSLY ILL-CHANGE OF RULERS EXPECTED. VIENNA, July 18-The Fene Freie Press asserts that the Sultan of Turkey is dangerously ill. The Togblatt says a change in the ruler of

Turkey is an accomplished fact. Abdul Hamid Effendi, a younger brother of Murad Effendi, is the regent of the Empire.

EFFECT OF THE MONTENEGRIN DISCOMFITURE IN RUSSIA. LONDON, July 28 .- The Pall-Mall Gazette in its Berlin dispatch says the defeat of the TER- and NOTE-PAPERS, ENVELOPES, STEEL Montenegrins occasions discomfiture at the PENS, FEATHER-DUSTERS, INKS, INKSTANDS, Russian court, where Prince Nicholas has GOLD PENS, PENCILS and HOLDERS, and been ostentatiously féted. Russian diplomats assert that it will be impossible for the Czar ord Wilson gave important testimony to- to repress the war spirit in Russia if the

> of the Turks. COUNCIL OF WAR-A GENERAL SUPERSEDED-

DECISIVE BATTLE IMMINENT. London, July 28 .- A dispatch to the Reuter Telegraph Company from Parakin today says: "Prince Milan will hold a council of war to-day with General Tchernayeff and other generals, and M. Ristics, prime Milan's headquarters will be minister. transferred to the neighborhood of Abexanitz. General Leschjauin will probably be superseded on account of incapacity. forces under the command of Colonel Antitch are concentrating at Sienitza, where a decisive battle is expected The engagement on the Timok yesterday was unimportant. Fresh fighting is anticipated there to-morrow.'

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